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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS TRAVEL - STATUS LNO SAIPAN

CINCPACREP PASS TO STATUS LNO SAIPAN

COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS

CANBERRA FOR CONGEN PORT MORESBY

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1. FOR SAIPAN. ONCE YOU HAVE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION AND CONSULTATIONS ITINERARY IS FIRM SUGGEST YOU ADVISE CONGEN PORT MORESBY (MARY OLMSTED) AND CANBERRA SOONEST. MESSAGE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA AND BE SLUGGED "PASS CONGEN PORT MORESBY."

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING TELEGRAPHIC REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS IN NAURU, MARSHALL ISLANDS, AND PORT MORESBY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PERHAPS THIS COULD BE PREPARED IN PORT MORESBY FOR DISPATCH THROUGH CANBERRA. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (A) UPDATED ASSESSMENT MARSHALLESE SITUATION; (B) AS MUCH DETAIL AS CAN BE PROVIDED ON RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN NAURUAN AND MARSHALLESE LEADERSHIP; (C) YOUR ASSESSMENT CHARACTER AND
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LEVEL NAURUAN INTEREST IN MARSHALL ISLANDS; (D) CHARACTER

AND LEVEL PNG OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGE OF AND INTEREST IN
MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION; (E) ASSESSMENT

SERIOUSNESS AND CHARACTER OF PNG INTEREST IN CLOSER LINKS
WITH TTPI AND US TERRITORIES. TO ASSIST IN ELICITING
NAURUAN AND PNG COMMENT ON FOREGOING, SUGGEST YOU REQUEST,
AS PART OF YOUR CONSULTATIONS AT THESE STOPS, OPPORTUNITIES
TO CALL ON SENIOR LOCAL OFFICIALS WITH VIEW TO BRIEFING
THEM ON MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND CURRENT POLI-
TICAL SCENE IN MICRONESIA.

3. IN CONNECTION NAURUAN STOP, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE
USG SOME MONTHS BACK ACCREDITED AMBASSADOR MARSHALL GREEN
TO NAURU ON NON-RESIDENT BASIS. HE HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE
TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS OWING NAURUAN INSISTENCE THAT THIS
CEREMONY TAKE PLACE ON NAURU RATHER THAN IN AUSTRALIA
DURING COURSE OF ONE OF NAURUAN PRESIDENT'S FREQUENT
VISITS TO AUSTRALIA. WE ARE UNAWARE OF AMBASSADOR
GREEN'S NAURUAN TRAVEL PLANS (SEE BELOW).

4. FOR CANBERRA. FSO MARY VANCE TRENT, STATUS LNO
SAIPAN, WILL BE TRANSITING NAURU AND PORT MORESBY ON
CONSULTATIONS ORDERS WHILE EN ROUTE BACK TO DEPARTMENT
FROM SAIPAN. ITINERARY NOT YET FIRM, BUT WE ANTICIPATE
SHE WILL BE IN NAURU FIRST OR SECOND WEEK JULY, AND IN
PORT MORESBY IN MID-JULY. MARY OLMSTED AWARE OF ABOVE
PLANNING. PLEASE ADVISE HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN (SLUG
FOR STATUS LNO) DIRECTLY AND IMMEDIATELY IF THERE IS ANY
NEED TO COORDINATE NAURUAN VISIT THROUGH CANBERRA
RATHER THAN DIRECTLY FROM SAIPAN.

5. ALSO SUGGEST YOU ADVISE MISS TRENT ON WHATEVER YOU MAY
WISH HER TO SAY IN RESPONSE TO ANY NAURUAN COMMENT ON
DELAYS IN PRESENTATION AMBASSADOR GREEN'S CREDENTIALS. SISCO

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